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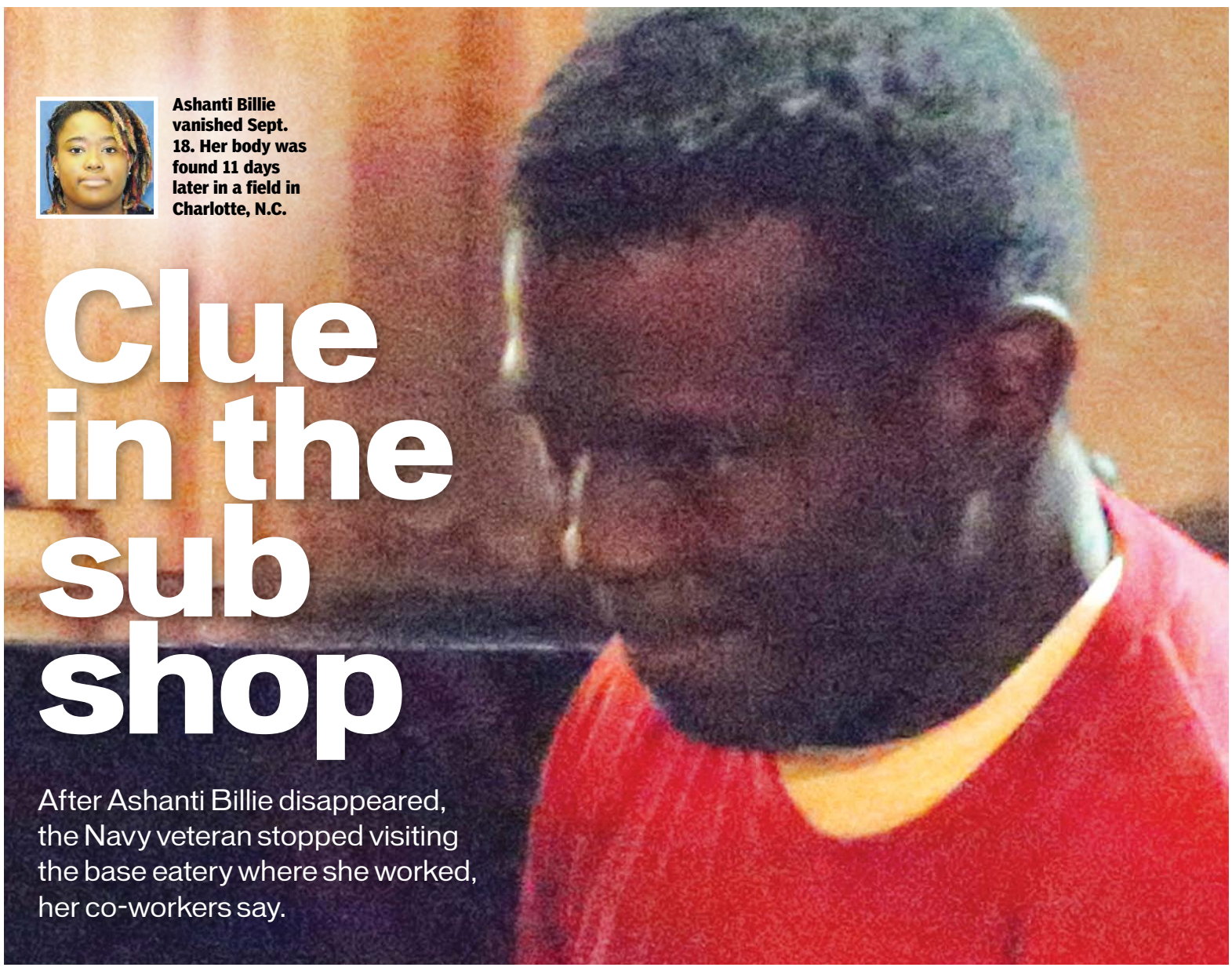

Ashanti Billie vanished Sept. 18. Her body was found 11 days later in a field in Charlotte, N.C.

Clue in the sub shop

After Ashanti Billie disappeared, the Navy veteran stopped visiting the base eatery where she worked, her co-workers say.

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By Jane Harper | *The Virginian-Pilot*

VIRGINIA BEACH

THE NEW BLIMPIE sandwich shop at the Little Creek naval base quickly became a hangout for Eric Brian Brown.

The Navy veteran had helped with its construction over the summer. After it opened in late August, he visited almost every day.

He usually sat close to the counter and chatted with the young women who worked there, according to a former employee. The Yin Yang smoothie was a favorite of his.

"He'd talk to all the girls," said 20-year-old Ny'Rabia White, who worked there from the time the restaurant opened until mid-October. "I just thought he was being really friendly."

The 45-year-old man often commented on the women's appearances, she said, and asked personal questions about where they lived, how old they were, and if they were married or had a boy-

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the suspect

Eric Brian Brown was charged last week with kidnapping and killing Ashanti Billie. He was a regular at the Blimpie sub shop at the Little Creek naval base, employees said. DNA found on Billie's clothing linked him to her death. Brown told investigators he has no memory of what happened around the time of Billie's disappearance.

Norfolk delegate-elect proposes alerts for missing adults. **Page 7**

"I immediately thought he had something to do with it when he didn't come back."

Siedah Squire, an employee at the Blimpie sandwich shop on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek

As Moore's list of accusers grows, GOP leaders reject his candidacy

Beverly Young Nelson, above, says Alabama Republican Roy Moore assaulted her in the 1970s when she was 16. Moore faces pressure to withdraw from the Alabama Senate race but has given no sign that he will do so.

By Sean Sullivan, Robert Costa and Jenna Johnson
The Washington Post

Senate Republican leaders on Monday waged an urgent campaign to pressure GOP nominee Roy Moore to withdraw from the Alabama Senate race amid allegations of sexual misconduct, declaring him "unfit to serve" and threatening to expel him from Congress if elected.

But Moore showed no signs he was preparing to step aside, even as another woman came forward to accuse him of sexually assaulting her in the late 1970s when she was 16.

The fusillade from Senate Republicans started Monday morning in Louisville, Ky., where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called on Moore to step aside.

"I believe the women, yes,"

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INVESTIGATIVE WISH LIST

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is considering a second special counsel who would examine Republican concerns

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Va. Beach could be first city in area to grant mothers paid maternity leave

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college basketball

ON THE ROAD, ODU BEATS JMU

SPORTS

mostly sunny, dry, chilly

Highs in the lower 50s. Lows near 40.

Details on the back page of Sports

KRISTEN ZEIS | THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

The Wheelabrator plant burns some of the area's trash to create steam energy and electricity.

Portsmouth has been taking residents' recyclables to be burned – without telling them

a different use

The city hasn't picked a new recycling vendor after a contract ran out this month. So residents' sorted items are being trucked to an incinerator to be burned for energy. Mayor John Rowe says officials didn't have to send notice because the items still are being used at Wheelabrator's plant.

By Ana Ley
The Virginian-Pilot

PORTSMOUTH

For more than a week, the city has been collecting glass, paper and plastic from curbside bins and taking it to an incinerator – without telling the public that its recyclables are going to the same place as the rest of its trash.

The items are being dumped at the Wheelabrator Technologies plant, where waste is burned into steam energy for nearby Norfolk Naval Shipyard and electricity that's sold onto the grid.

The city's green recycling trucks used to take them to a facility owned by Recycling & Disposal Solutions of Virginia, but a contract with the company ran out earlier this year, and Portsmouth has yet to pick a replacement. City Manager Lydia Pettis Patton said she expects officials to come up with a finalist in "the next couple of weeks."

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Liberty Tax board member exits, criticizes conduct of firm's ex-CEO

left "in a very difficult position"

John T. Hewitt was fired as CEO after a review of his personal and business behavior. Hewitt, whose ownership of company shares lets him choose five of the nine board members, has refused to give up leading the board.

By Kimberly Pierceall
The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH

A longtime independent Liberty Tax board member says he'll leave after finishing his term, pointing to founder John T. Hewitt's continued influence over the tax prep company as his reason for departing.

The board fired Hewitt from his CEO role in early September after a complaint to the company's ethics hotline led to an internal review into his behavior. The review revealed credible evidence that he likely gave preferential treatment to employees and franchisees he was suspected of being in romantic relationships with.

The review, conducted by an outside law firm, also concluded that employees likely overheard Hewitt having sex in his office, and that he likely used company resources for his personal benefit, including

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